

2018 Ridgeproduct-pdf - Petite Sirah Lytton Estate - Wow! 96pt. RIDGE Lytton Petite Sirah!

Why We're Drinking It

Ridge is an all-time favorite here at Invino, and has been for many decades. A classic American winery, dedicated to old vines and balanced, complex wines, Ridge is truly an icon. That said, the new-release 2018s are some of the finest ever -- the scores and critical acclaim for even the "lower level" wines are astronomical. Take this gorgeous, head-spinning Petite Sirah from VERY old vines at the Lytton Estate in Geyserville (some dating back to 1901). 96 POINTS, \$37 and a wine that will rock your world. Wow! We are buying as much as we can!

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\$37! Amazing! While it lasts!

VARIETAL

Petite Sirah

APPELLATION

Dry Creek Valley, California

ALCOHOL

13.80

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

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The Story to Know

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Ratings

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Jeb Dunnuck, 92 points

"There are 4,600 cases of the 2018 Petite Sirah Lytton Estate. (There's 3% Zinfandel in the blend.) This dark-fruited, ripe, smoky wine has full-bodied richness, a rounded, opulent texture, good acidity, loads of currant and chocolate blue fruits, and a great finish. It picks up a chalky minerality with time in the glass and, despite being a big, rich wine, it has a terrific sense of freshness. It's going to evolve nicely for 10-15 years."

